

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner states:

The reply filed on 5/30/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matters(s): the reissued claims should be underlined.

In the prior Office Action (mailed February 13, 2003), in paragraph 3, the Examiner stated:

3. Claims 145-166 are objected to because of the following informalities: Reissue claims should be underlined. Appropriate correction is required.

In Amendment A, mailed May 28, 2003, the applicants stated on page 22:

Responding to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the reissue claims 145-166 are resubmitted in a second attachment in underlined form, as requested by the Examiner.

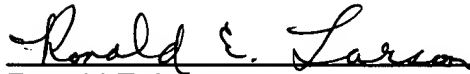
The second attachment appears as pages 31-33 of Amendment A. For the convenience of the Examiner, a complete copy of Amendment A is submitted with this response.

If this response does not resolve the issue raised in the Office Action, the undersigned respectfully requests the Examiner to call the undersigned and arrange for a telephone interview. The undersigned left three telephone messages for the Examiner before filing this Response, but received no known responses from the Examiner.

In summary, each of claims 145-151 and 163-194 is allowable, and such action is respectfully requested.

Date: September 19, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald E. Larson", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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